IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

KEVIN FOLSE and OSCAR R. OREJEL,

Plaintiffs,

v. No. 17-cv-0387 JB/SMV

D'ANGELO CHAPARO WILSON, AARON VIGIL, and DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

Defendants.

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

THIS MATTER is before the Court sua sponte under 28 U.S.C. § 1915. In their Complaint, Plaintiffs state:

After receiving notification of this lawsuit making it to the Court, Folse will file the \$350.00 filing fee. Enclosed is the \$50.00 filing fee to begin the process.

[Doc. 1] at 7, ¶ 12. The Court docket indicates that Plaintiffs have been notified of the Court's receipt of this lawsuit. The record indicates the Court did not receive \$50.00 from Plaintiffs when the Complaint was filed. Nor does it appear Plaintiffs have submitted the \$350.00 filing fee to the Court. Plaintiffs make reference to proceeding "informa poperis," *id.*, but they have not filed applied to do so.

Plaintiffs are prisoners in custody of the State of New Mexico at the Penitentiary of New Mexico. [Doc. 1] at 2, ¶¶ 3, 4. The Prison Litigation Reform Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b) states "if a prisoner brings a civil action or files an appeal in forma pauperis, the prisoner *shall be required* to pay the full amount of the filing fee." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b) (emphasis added). Plaintiffs have

previously been advised of their obligation to pay the filing fees under § 1915. See Oscar

Oregel, Kevin Folse v. FNU LNU, Bernalillo County Sheriff's Officers, No. 17-cv-0566

SWS/MLC, [Doc. 2].

Plaintiffs are aware of their obligation to pay the filing fee for this proceeding, and have

claimed they will pay, but have failed to pay or to file an application to proceed without

prepayment of fees or costs. Plaintiffs' failure to pay the filing fees or submit a proper

application to proceed in forma pauperis under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 constitutes a failure to

prosecute this action and is grounds for dismissal under Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). See Fed. R. Civ.

P. 41(b); Olsen v. Mapes, 333 F.3d 1199, 1204, n. 3 (10th Cir. 2003). Plaintiffs will be required

to show cause, within 21 days of entry of this Order, why this proceeding should not be

dismissed for failure to pay the required fees or apply to proceed without prepayment of fees or

costs. If Plaintiffs fail to show cause within 21 days, the Court may dismiss this proceeding

without further notice.

IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiffs show cause, within 21 days of entry of this Order, why

this proceeding should not be dismissed for failure to pay the required fees or apply to proceed

without prepayment of fees or costs.

STEPHAN M. VIDMAR

United States Magistrate Judge

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